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Expressing the sense of the Congress that the current Canadian quota regime on chicken imports should be removed as part of the Uruguay Round multilateral trade negotiations and that the imposition of quotas by Canada on United States processed chicken violates Article XI of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BUNNING (for himself, Mr. HUTTO, Mr. MONTGOMERY, Mr. EMERSON, Mr. WOLF, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. McCLOSKEY, Mr. CHAPMAN, Mr. SPRATT, and Mr. HILLIARD) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Congress that the current Canadian quota regime on chicken imports should be removed as part of the Uruguay Round multilateral trade negotiations and that the imposition of quotas by Canada on United States processed chicken violates Article XI of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

Whereas the United States chicken industry is the most efficient in the world and produced approximately 16 billion dollars worth of chickens in 1992;

Whereas the Canadian chicken supply management system severely restricts the importation of United States chick-

ens, resulting in \$350,000,000 to \$700,000,000 in lost sales;

Whereas the Canadian chicken supply management system severely restricts United States chicken processors and retailers from expanding into the Canadian market;

Whereas the Canadian chicken supply management system protects the Canadian chicken growers while severely hurting both United States and Canadian processors and food service retailers;

Whereas the Canadian chicken supply management system causes exceedingly high chicken prices and periodic supply shortages in Canada; and

Whereas the Canadian chicken supply management system and the imposition of quotas on processed chicken contravenes Canada's obligations under Article XI of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of the Congress that—

3 (1) the United States, as part of the Uruguay
4 Round of multilateral trade negotiations, should ne-
5 gotiate a tariff-rate quota to replace the Canadian
6 chicken supply management system and the elimi-
7 nation of processed chicken from the Canadian Im-
8 port Control List;

9 (2) the United States should insist under such
10 a tariff-rate quota that the amount of chicken deter-
11 mined to be “within quota” be based on the total

1 amount of chicken imported into Canada in 1993
2 through both global and supplemental import
3 quotas;

4 (3) the United States should seek the elimi-
5 nation, or at the minimum, the phase-out of the new
6 duties imposed by Canada on chicken imports in ac-
7 cordance with the terms of the United States-
8 Canada Free-Trade Agreement; and

9 (4) the United States should oppose any activ-
10 ity on the part of Canada which results in lost sales
11 for United States chicken exporters and restricts the
12 United States access to the Canadian chicken mar-
13 ket.

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